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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

Congratulations on your confirmation to lead the Department of Homeland Security. I write you today regarding an immigration matter that pertains to my constituents in my Congressional District of CA-24. As we discussed on March 17, 2021, President Biden announced that his administration would assess deportations of military service members and military family members that were executed during the previous administration.

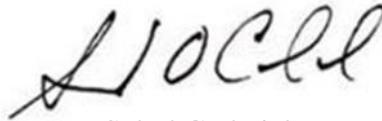
Due to this recent announcement, I urge you to review and take into consideration the case of Juana Maria Flores. Juana Flores was deported under the previous Trump administration on April 1, 2019, after her request for a Stay of Removal was denied by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Her deportation is a result of being stopped by Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") at the U.S.-Mexican border in 1999 after returning from visiting her sick mother who lived in Mexico. That is when CBP established she had entered the U.S without permission in 1988 at the age of 25 for a better life.

Today, Mrs. Flores has four children and 18 grandchildren including her son Caesar who is a staff sergeant in the U.S Air force and has dedicated his life of duty and country. As well second son named Oscar, who suffers from a medical condition and seeks the care of his mother. Her husband Andres Flores Lopez, now a citizen, has worked hard to support his family, and he relies on Mrs. Flores's care and support. The family worries about Mrs. Flores's state of being and health as there is no immediate family left in Mexico. Her story inspired me to introduce the Protect Patriot Parents Act (H.R. 454) which includes a provision for individuals outside the US

to return while USCIS process their adjustment of status to permanent resident. Mrs. Flores has no criminal convictions or adverse interactions with any law enforcement agency other than her immigration violation.

I am respectfully requesting your full and fair review of this case and reconsideration of the request for parole for Juana Flores in accordance with all applicable laws and guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my legislative director Johanna Montiel at Johanna.Montiel@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Carbajal", written in a cursive style.

Salud Carbajal
Member of Congress